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This book focuses on 10 major trends expected to change society and affect education in the 21st century. The 10 trends are as follows: (1) for the first time in history, the old will outnumber the young; (2) the country will become a nation of minorities; (3) social and intellectual capital will become the primary economic values in society; (4) education will shift from averages to individuals; (5) the Millennial Generation will insist on solutions to accumulated problems and injustices; (6) continuous improvement and collaboration will replace quick fixes and defense of the status quo; (7) technology will increase the speed of communication and the pace of advancement or decline; (8) knowledge creation and breakthrough thinking will stir a new of era of enlightenment; (9) scientific discoveries and societal realities will force difficult ethical choices; and (10) competition will increase as industries and professions intensify their efforts to attract and keep talented people. One chapter is devoted to each trend. A final chapter discusses how educators might use the trends in planning. Appended are two additional planning resources and a list of critical issues identified by the Educational Research Service Schools of the Future Council. (Contains endnotes and an index.) (WFA)

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